

Senate Resolution 158

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd and Murphy of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Al St. Lawrence; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sheriff Al St. Lawrence has been a Georgia law enforcement officer since 1959
3 and is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government
4 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
5 enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, this distinguished Georgian was named Chief of the Chatham County Police
7 Department in 1971, a position he held until he was elected Sheriff in 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, Sheriff St. Lawrence was the only law enforcement official to be recognized
9 as both Outstanding Chief by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police in 1990 and Sheriff
10 of the Year by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association in 1995; and

11 WHEREAS, serving as an aspirational example for all law enforcement officers, Sheriff St.
12 Lawrence was awarded a life membership into the Peace Officers Association of Georgia in
13 1999; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff St. Lawrence has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
15 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient
16 and effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
18 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sheriff St. Lawrence and all
19 local law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 unanimously commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by
22 Sheriff Al St. Lawrence in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for so many years

23 and extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others
24 the meaning of public servant.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Al St. Lawrence.